AVIATION (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) Private Airlines owe Rs. 2346.43 lakhs to the Airports Authority of India (AAI) on account of airport charges. They are being reminded regularly to clear their outstanding dues failing which their security deposit will be adjusted against their outstanding dues. Further, credit facilities have also been withdrawn in some cases. AAI is making all efforts to recover the outstanding dues.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Action has been taken against the Engineering/ maintenance personnel of India International Airways, East West Airlines, Damania Airways, Saraya Aviation, Mesco Airlines, Modiluft, Continental Aviation Ltd., Sahara India Airlines and NEPC Airlines for violation of safety/maintenance norms prescribed by the DGCA.

Restructuring of Insurance Industry

1205. SMT. VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a statement of President of an international Government relations US firm, as reported in "Rajasthan Patrika" of October 23, 1993, that a restructured insurance industry in India may be able to attract massive foreign capital to India in the form of premium contributions and private investments from 16 million NRIs;

(b) if so, what is the nature and extent of restructuring proposed to be made; and

(c) what is Government's decision regarding appropriate restructuring of the insurance industry?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The Govt. is not aware of any such Report in 'Rajasthan Patrika' of Oct. 23rd, 1993. However, a report to this effect has appeared in 'Rajasthan Patrika' on Oct. 23rd, 1993.

Under the existing law, insurance business both life and general, is the exclusive privilege of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC); General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC); and its four subsidiaries. The Common Minimum Programme (CMP) of the Government envisages that "There is room for public sector companies and private sector companies to co-exist and compete in the financial sector. We have gained considerable experience in the working of the banking sector. The said experience will be applied to the restructuring of the insurance industry, but at the same time, public sector companies like LIC, GIC, etc. will be strengthened."

The Government is currently processing a Bill for giving statutory basis to the Insurance Regulatory Authority set up in January, 1996. Other measures for reform of the insurance sector are being examined in consultation with the Insurance Regulatory Authority.

Delimitation of Constituencies

1206. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:
SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there has been a phenomenal increase in urban population since 1976 when the territorial constituencies for both Lok Sabha and Legislative Assemblies were made unalterable till after the census of 2001;

(b) whether Government are aware that such a step has resulted is disparity and underrepresentation;

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take for delimitation of constituencies; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) to (c) The Government has already

introduced the Constitution (Eightieth Amendment) Bill, 1996 in Lok Sabha in July 1996 to provide for fresh delimitation of constituencies on the basis of 1991 census without affecting the existing number of seats allocated to various States with a view to correct imbalances caused by uneven growth of population in various constituencies.

(d) Does not arise.

पर्यटन विकास प्राधिकरण और भारतीय पर्यटन सेवा का गठन

1207. **श्री अजीत जोगी:** क्या पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार पर्यटन का विकास करने के लिए पर्यटन विकास प्राधिकरण और भारतीय पर्यटन सेवा का गठन करने जा रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसमें कितना समय लगेगा; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्री और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री श्रीकान्त जेना): (क) से (ग) पर्यटन विभाग के पास ऐसे प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

Financial assistance to West Bengal for improvement of infrastructural facilities

1208. PROF. (SHRIMATI BHARTI RAY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of financial assistance given year-wise during the last three years to the State Government of West Bengal for improvement of infrastructural facilities to attract foreign tourists;

(b) the details of incentives, if any, offered to the private sector to promote tourism in India; and

(c) the special efforts, if any, to attract tourists to Calcutta?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM: (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) Department of Tourism, Government of India has sanctioned financial assistance during the last three years of Rs. 167.30 lakhs in 1993-94, Rs.144.01 lakhs in 1994-95 and Rs. 175.09 lakhs in 1995-96 for the improvement / creation of infrastructural facilities in the State of West Bengal to meet the requirement of both domestic as well a foreign tourists.

(b) In order to encourage private sector, a number of incentives like interest subsidy, income tax exemption, reduced customs duty etc. are given to private entreprenures to attract private investment for development / promotion of tourism.

(c) For promotion of tourism, Central Department of Tourism produces publicity material on various places ot tourist interest, which also includes folders and tourist maps on Calcutta.

Grant to Junior Lawyers

1209. SHRI R. MARGABANDU: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state whether Government will take steps to provide a grant to the junior Lawyers upto 5 years from the date of enrolment at the rate of Rs.500/- by Central or State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE. (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): The Bar Council of India through its Trust (The Bar Council of India Trust) gives stipend every year to 20 junior Advocates within five years from the date of their enrolment at the rate of Rs. 500/- per month for a period of one year. The Government has no such proposal pending consideration.

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1210. DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided not to allow the foreign companies to